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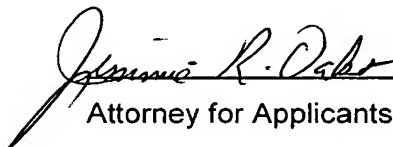
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## APPLICATION FOR UNITED STATES PATENT

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### METHOD AND ARRANGEMENT FOR DETERMINATION OF SHARPNESS OF CHOPPING BLADES

the specification (including at least one claim) and drawing(s) (if any) of which are attached hereto which was filed 24 July 2003 and given serial number 10/626,382.

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability of this application in accordance with §1.56 of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

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